

**DESOTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**GERALD CLIFTON, PRESIDENT PRESIDING**  
**MAY 5, 2003**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The May 5, 2003, meeting of the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Supervisor Tommy Lewis, Board Vice President.

Chief Deputy Charlie Brown of the DeSoto County Sheriff’s Department was present and did open the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors meeting in a regular session to hear any and all business to come before the Board. The following were present:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin-----District 1  
Supervisor Eugene C. Thach-----District 2  
Supervisor Gerald Clifton-----District 3  
Supervisor John Caldwell---District 4 ---Absent Military Leave  
Supervisor Tommy Lewis-----District 5  
W. E. Sluggo Davis-----Chancery Clerk  
Sheriff James A. Riley -----Sheriff  
David Armstrong-----County Administrator  
Bobby Chamberlin-----Board Attorney

**B. INVOCATION**

Supervisor Eugene Thach presented the invocation.

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. APPROVAL OF APRIL MINUTES**

The official minutes of the Board of Supervisors were read for the month of April 2003, pursuant to Section 19-3-27 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the Board of Supervisors for the month of April 2003 with minor changes. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**E. OLD BUSINESS**

**1. Advertising County Resources**

County Administrator David Armstrong said, according to the Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin the County can not give to the Boy Scouts, but at the last meeting the Board of Supervisors determined that the trip the Boy Scouts is taking is a good

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opportunity to advertise the resources of DeSoto County. The Board agreed that the Boy Scouts were a good organization to represent the County. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion that in accordance with Section 17-3-3, of the Mississippi Code of 1972, the Board of Supervisors did make a determination that the above request would advertise the resources and possibilities of DeSoto County and thereby advance the moral, financial and other interests of DeSoto County approved allocating \$250 to Boy Scout Troop 41, Hernando, MS to attend the Pensacola Naval Air Station in Pensacola, FL and the USS Alabama in Mobile, AL. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.1\*\***

**2. Constable Annual Report**

In accordance with Section 7-3-45 of the Mississippi Code, which states each and every constable being compensated in whole or in part on a fee basis shall file not later than April 15 of each year, with the Secretary of State, a true and accurate annual report on a form supplied to each by the State Auditor of Public Accounts immediately after January 1 of each year, to include, at least, information showing gross receipts from all sources accruing as compensation to his office and disbursements occurring as necessary expenses involved solely in complying with laws governing the office, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made a motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to accept the Fee Officers Earning Report of Constable Lee Hodge for the 2002 Calendar Year into the minutes. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.2\*\***

**3. YCAP Lease**

County Administrator David Armstrong said, the Board Attorney has requested an Opinion from the Attorney General regarding the legality of the YCAP lease. Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said the AG’s office had called his office to get some additional information regarding the request, so he estimates the answer from the AG’s office to be received soon.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to hold this matter over until the answer is received from the Attorney Generals office. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT

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Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES
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**\*\*See Exhibit E.3\*\***

## **F. PUBLIC HEARING FOR TIF PLAN OF 2003**

Chris Gouras, of Gouras and Associates, Mayor of Greg Davis of the City of Southaven, appeared before the Board of Supervisors concerning the public hearing for the TIF Plan of 2003.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to open the public hearing for the TIF Plan of 2003. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

Mr. Gouras noted that the proof of publication for today's public hearing shall be added to the Board of Supervisors to said that the meeting was lawfully called. Mr. Gouras said tax increment financing is an economic development tool used to enhance economic development projects. A TIF allows Cities and Counties to issue bonds and make infrastructure improvements that will serve economic development projects. A TIF authorizes a County to pledge all or a portion of ad valorem property taxes generated by a project to service the bond debt for a period of up to thirty years. Mr. Gouras said that two plans were required to adopt a TIF, a redevelopment plan and a TIF plan on the specific project. Mr. Gouras cited several projects statewide that had used TIF financing. Mr. Gouras said that the purpose of this hearing was to present a TIF redevelopment plan for DeSoto County and to give the citizens an opportunity to comment orally or in writing about the plan. Mr. Gouras said that last Thursday night the DeSoto County Planning Commission made a finding that this TIF plan is in coordination with the County Planning Ordinance. Mr. Gouras said the plan identifies DeSoto County in whole as being eligible for the TIF.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked for public comments on the TIF. Supervisor Lewis asked the Board Attorney if they have approved the documents in the TIF that were presented today. Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said there is no problem with the documents as presented. Supervisor Lewis asked again for public comments. No one approached the Board to comment on the plan.

Supervisor Lewis asked the Board of Supervisors for their comments on the plan. Supervisor Jessie Medlin verified that in this public hearing the Board is considering a plan that will allow the County to undertake TIF's in the future. Chris Gouras said that is correct and the Board will make decisions on individual TIF's on a case by case basis in order to determine the details of each project.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said this is the first TIF the Board has considered. Supervisor Thach said he is not big on TIF's. Supervisor Thach said the County only has property tax with which to fund County Government and we have to guard them jealously. Supervisor Thach said that in his opinion the Board needs to be cautious where TIF financing is concerned. Supervisor Thach further suggested that the Board adopt a policy whereby Cities are required to give up their tax base, both property and sales tax, before they ask the County to give up their total funding source of property tax. Supervisor Thach pointed out that the adoption of this project would set a precedent for future

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TIF's.

Chris Gouras said when they met with the Board recently the Board of Supervisors

asked them to get the plan to Demery Grubbs for his review. County Administrator David Armstrong said that Demery Grubbs sent a letter stating he has reviewed the plan and the documents are in order. Further Mr. Grubbs recommends the Board adopt the plan.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis verified with the Board Attorney that he has been over the documents. Attorney Chamberlin said yes, and he also asked the Bond Council Butler Snow to go over the documents as well. Attorney Chamberlin said they both approve that the contents of the documents are in legal compliance.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion to close the Public Hearing, Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution approving the adoption and implementation of the Tax Increment Financing Redevelopment Plan of 2003, DeSoto County, Mississippi, thereby, determining the necessity for and invoking the authority granted to Counties by the Legislature with respect to tax increment financing as set forth in Chapter 45 of Title 21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, determining that a public hearing be conducted in connection with tax increment financing redevelopment plan, DeSoto County, Mississippi, and for related purposes. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	NO
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit F\*\***

**G. PUBLIC HEARING OF TIF FOR THE SOUTHAVEN TOWNE CENTER**

Chris Gouras, of Gouras and Associates, Mayor Greg Davis, of the City of Southaven, and Ron Fullam of CBL Properties, addressed the Board of Supervisors concerning the Tax Increment Financing Plan for the Southaven Towne Center.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to open the public hearing. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

Mr. Gouras said the public hearing for today’s meeting has been lawfully published and made known to the public in DeSoto County for their comments on the tax increment financing for the Southaven Towne Center. Mr. Gouras said that this public meeting

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gave residence of DeSoto County an opportunity to comment on the TIF financing plan for the Southaven Towne Center, both orally and in writing. Mr. Gouras said the project would represent an investment of more than \$100,000,000 and more than 1,150 full and part time jobs would be created through this project. It is expected that the State of

Mississippi will make more than \$745,000 annually from income tax as a result of this project. Sales tax for the State should come in at around \$9.5 million and the City of Southaven should gain \$1,764,000 from sales tax revenues.

Currently, Mr. Gouras said the County in total gets \$967 in property tax revenue from this same property. After completion of this project, property taxes will increase to \$2.2 million.

Mr. Gouras said that prior to the issuance of the bonds, a representative of the project would meet with the DeSoto County's Tax Assessor's office to determine a true value of the property. Mr. Gouras said that the plan currently includes estimates for taxing and revenues and this will not be based on actual figures until that final assessment with the Tax Assessor is complete. Mr. Gouras said that the plan authorizes the issuance of \$11,500,000 in tax increment financing bonds. This plan is limited to 15 years in duration to pay back the bonds.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked for public comments on the project. There was none.

Mayor Davis introduced Ron Fullam, who is the Senior Vice President of CBL Properties out of the Chattanooga office. Mayor Davis said that Mr. Fullam came to the meeting to answer questions the Board or the public may have about the project. Mr. Fullam said that CBL Properties has been working through a lot of issues to get this project off the ground and they are about to that point now. Mr. Fullam said the peripheral development around the center would add value to the property. Mr. Fullam said he estimates there to be 50 or 60 stores in this mall, however, that estimate will be a moving target due to different stores may rent more than one store to increase the size of their store, thereby reducing the number of individual stores on the property. Mr. Fullam said he estimates the project to be complete by March 2005.

Mayor Davis said that the roadway improvements will more than offset the amount of bonds issued on the project. Mayor Davis said the road improvements were necessary to handle current traffic problems on Goodman Road and should address the mall issue as well. Mayor Davis said everything from Airways to the Interstate is included in this tax increment financing project. Mr. Fullam said that in order to be opened by March 2005, construction would need to begin in 2003 or early 2004. Mr. Fullam said that the last conversation with his engineer was that he should have the pulled permit in two weeks. Mr. Fullam said they still have to provide MDEQ with information on the 401 permit before it is issued. Supervisor Lewis asked if the County pledges all of its ad valorem tax except for the school tax and the City pledges all of the real and sales tax, what would happen if revenues come in excess of projections. Mayor Davis said that once the amortization schedule is filed, when the project is built and the taxes are amortized that is the limit of the exemption. Anything over that amount would be collected.

Supervisor Lewis said the County's portion, according to his projections, are around 35% of the total TIF. Mayor Davis agreed.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked for public comments. DeSoto County resident Bill Russell pointed out the only access to the center is off Airways. Mr. Russell said it looks like that will bottleneck traffic on Goodman Road. Mr. Russell suggested an additional ramp from the Interstate. Mayor Davis said the State of Mississippi would not put an interchange at the mall site. Mayor Davis pointed out that there would also be access to the project from Elmore on Marathon Drive. Mayor Davis said they are trying to get

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some north/south corridor for people who would not be going to the mall to avoid Goodman Road traffic. However, Mayor Davis said the improvements to Airways and Swinnea would take a lot of traffic from the area. Mayor Davis and Mr. Fullam said that they feel that a lot of people will exit Church Road and go to Elmore or Nail Road.

County Administrator David Armstrong asked if the developers have done any estimates on the impact that this mall would have on the Memphis malls. Mr. Fullam said they have. Mr. Fullam said there is also a development in the planning stages in Collierville, and this one and the Collierville center will have a huge impact on the Memphis market. Mayor Davis pointed out that the study also showed that these stores would not take sales from established stores in DeSoto County, because they are of a different nature. Mayor Davis said that the Goodman Road stores are excited about the prospect of the mall.

Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said their firm has looked at this proposal, the Bond Council has looked at this proposal also and they both agree that the documents are appropriate for the Boards consideration.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion to close the public hearing and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution approving the adoption and implementation of the tax increment financing plan , Southaven Towne Center, DeSoto County, Mississippi, May 2003, which after determining the necessity for and invoking the authority granted to Counties by the Legislature with respect to tax increment financing as set forth in Chapter 45 of Title 21, Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, determining that the Southaven Towne Center Project is a project eligible for tax increment financing under the laws of the State, that a public hearing has been conducted in connection with the tax increment financing plan, and for related purposes. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	NO
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit G\*\***

**H. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Beaver Control – Jophie Gee**

Jophie Gee, County Beaver Control Specialist, appeared before the Board of Supervisors an explained that the program was saved through the Legislature, although a \$100,000 of the programs funding comes from the Forestry Commission and unfortunately their budget was cut over \$100,000. Therefore the Beaver Program will not receive Forestry Commission funding this year. The State has determined the fairest way to cut the program would be to allow participation on a first come first serve basis. The program will be opened to the first sixty-two

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counties that sign up this year. The County funding level will be \$3,000 per County again this year. Mr. Gee encouraged the County to get the application returned to the State as soon as possible to ensure participation in the Beaver Control Program.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve entering into the Beaver Program and authorized the Board

President or Vice President to sign the application agreement for the County’s participation in the Beaver Control Program and authorized the Chancery Clerk to write the check for the yearly dues, since it is necessary to return the dues before the next claims docket. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**2. Soil & Water Conservation – EWP Drainage – Scott Griffith**

Scott Griffith, of the Natural Resources Conservation Service office, appeared before the Board of Supervisors and explained that he had met with Supervisor Thach on a bad drainage sight in the County. Mr. Griffith reminded the Board of Supervisors that they had made three applications for emergency watershed flooding relief through his office. The projects are located on Debbie Drive, Waverly Drive and Hillsdale. Mr. Griffith explained that the supplemental bill has not been acted on as of this time in Washington. Mr. Griffith said DeSoto County applied for a total of \$453,000 in funding through this program; however some of these projects were for other agencies in DeSoto County than County Government. In total, the State of Mississippi applied for about \$3,000,000 in funding through this program.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the importance of these projects to the County and discussed the possibility of contacting our Congressional delegation to encourage funding of the application.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked what the match is on this funding. Scott Griffith said it is a 75/25 percent match.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked Mr. Griffith to explain the other program he had recently explained to him. Mr. Griffith told the Board that for years the Federal Government had funded a demonstration erosion control program. Mr. Griffith said originally this was to have been a short-term program, but because the need was so great the program’s life was extended. The demonstration erosion control program was designed to address everything that flooded the Yazoo from the north. Mr. Griffith said that recently the program changed to an Emergency Watershed Program.

After discussing the importance of the aforementioned applications work in DeSoto County, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator to get a Resolution or Letter sent to the Congressional Delegation in Washington, DC concerning funding of the Emergency Watershed Program. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

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**3. DHS Lease – Reimbursement**

County Administrator David Armstrong and DHS Director Kathy White discussed the DHS lease agreement reimbursement with the Board of Supervisors. David Armstrong said that last year this office began meeting with the DHS representatives about getting rent on the new DHS building. Mr. Armstrong said, as usual, the application was sent to the Board Attorneys’ to review before the application was

turned in. The Board Attorneys' determined that the non-profit corporation was not able to collect rent on the new building. Mr. Armstrong said until that point there was no indication that the non-profit rent arrangement was at all in question. Mr. Armstrong reminded the Board of Supervisors that the non-profit corporation was used to collect the rent from DHS when they were located in the McIngvale Building and when they moved to the Board of Education Building.

Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin said that his firm does not question about what was done earlier, we simply feel using the non-profit agency in the new building is not appropriate, because this is a different situation than we had before.

DHS Director Kathy White said the current rent program has been in place since the early 1990's and she agrees with Attorney Chamberlin that the program was definitely appropriate at that time.

Mr. Armstrong said when we found out that using the non-profit corporation was an issue, he met with Kathy White, who pointed out another option to the rent. Rent through DHS through the construction reimbursement. Ms. White said the County has not received an answer on the construction reimbursement application as of this time. However, Ms. White said she is certain the proposal will be approved. Ms. White said the application should be finalized soon. Ms. White said there are so many steps and so many governmental units to go through, that the process for this is slow.

Supervisor Eugene Thach said his concern was that the Legislature was in session at the time the application was being scrutinized and we could have utilized them to get the application approved. Supervisor Thach asked who would own the DHS Building. Kathy White said the County would own the building. Ms. White explained that the DHS reimbursement would be paid over a fifty year period.

Ms. White said the County would still receive money for the DHS building, which amounts to between \$12,000 or \$13,000 per year. Ms. White said that in addition the County is receiving a reimbursement on any expenditure for DHS.

Ms. White said on the new application the County would receive reimbursement for utilities where there was no reimbursement through the rent program in the McIngvale House or the Board of Education Building. Ms. White said the cost of the DHS building was \$1.4 million and the reimbursement would be based on the construction cost less \$450,000 from the grant. Ms. White said as she understands the program the calculation based on the square footage used by DHS would be amortized over fifty years and the rent reimbursement should be in the neighborhood of \$8,000 per year.

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County is required to provide space to DHS for their offices, however there is no obligation for DHS to reimburse the County for the office space. Kathy White said their office is the only office in the County that provides that reimbursement for their building.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin said it is terrible that the State does not provide for their own offices.

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Ms. White said she estimates the rent to begin in January 2004. Ms. White pointed out that if the appropriate paperwork is given to her, DHS can also reimburse the County for maintenance on the building.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked when the County would know about the building reimbursement. Kathy White said they should know soon.



Supervisor Eugene Thach thanked Ms. White for the information and for her helping the Board to understand the situation better. The rest of the Board agreed.

**4. DCRUA Matters**

County Administrator David Armstrong said the County budgeted \$1.6 million for the Regional Utility Authority, which does include engineering fees. Mr. Armstrong said the Corp of Engineers has notified the County it is time to deposit the \$500,000 into the escrow account set up for the project at Trustmark Bank. Mr. Armstrong said the County is in the process of receiving the last \$2.5 million from the State Development Bank. Supervisor Eugene Thach clarified that this would be loan money to DCRUA. David Armstrong said yes. Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin explained that this request for funds is not a request from the DCRUA Board, but a requirement of the Corp of Engineers PCA Agreement for the for the Countywide Wastewater Treatment System. Supervisor Tommy Lewis asked if this money would be in an interest bearing account.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to hold this item over until Wednesday until the County Administrator’s office could determine whether the money is in an interest bearing account. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit E.4\*\***

Later in the meeting and at the recommendation of Bill Austin, Executive Director of DCRUA, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Gerald Clifton seconded the motion to approve depositing \$500,000 into the Corp of Engineers account at Trustmark Bank for the County’s obligation for the PCA Countywide Wastewater System and authorized any budget amendment necessary to accomplish this and authorized the clerk to write the check. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**5. Approval of Travel**

In accordance with Section 25-3-41 Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, any official or employee of DeSoto County, Mississippi is hereby authorized to travel

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during the period of May 5, 2003 to June 2, 2003, as necessary, and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto County; that all such travel is hereby authorized, contingent on funds being available in the departmental budget of the individual traveling.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to authorize DeSoto County employees or officials to travel during the period of May 5, 2003 to June 2, 2003, as necessary, and incur travel expenses in the performance of their official duties for DeSoto. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**6. Approval of Publication of Board Proceedings**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the publication of Board Proceedings in accordance with Section 19-3-33 of the Mississippi Code, which states that the Board of Supervisors may have its proceedings published in some newspaper published in the county, and cause the same to be paid for out of the county treasury. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**7. Approval of Bailiff Pay**

Pursuant to Section 25-7-27, Section 1, paragraph (e), which allows for Constables working as Bailiffs to be paid as provided under Section 25-3-69, Mississippi Code of 1973, Annotated, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to pay Joe Holmes the amount of \$120.00 for the month of April 2003; to pay Lee Hodge the amount of \$160.00 for the month of April 2003; and to pay Floyd Medlin the amount of \$200.00 for the month of April 2003, for their services as Bailiffs for DeSoto County Justice Court. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.7\*\***

**8. Sheriff’s Employee Report**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to acknowledge receipt of the Sheriff’s Department Employee Report for the month of April 2003. The report is attached and made a part of the minutes in

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Exhibit H.8. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.8\*\***

**9. Circuit Clerk Allowance**

County Administrator David Armstrong presented on behalf of the Circuit Court Clerk Dale Thompson, an Order of Allowances to the Board of Supervisors for the County Court for the month of March, 2003 term in the amount of \$3,844, Youth Court for the month of March, 2003 term in the amount of \$3,265. Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve these payments, pursuant to Sections 43-21-205 and Section 25-7-13 of the Mississippi code of 1972, Annotated. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.9\*\***

**10. Chancery Clerk Allowance**

This item was held over until the Wednesday, May 7, 2003 Board meeting.

**11. Comptroller – Tom Arnold**

**a. Investment of Surplus Funds**

In accordance with Section 19-2-29 of the Mississippi Code, which states that whenever any County shall have on hand any bond and interest funds, any funds derived from the sale of bonds, special funds, or any other funds in excess of the sums which will be required to meet the current needs and demands of no more than seven (7) business days, the Board of Supervisors of such County shall invest such excess funds.

At the recommendation of the Comptroller, Tom Arnold, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the investment of surplus funds to First Security Bank for \$5,000,000 that was the highest bidder that placed their bid on time for funds as follows:

<u>Date of Investment</u>	<u>Bank</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u># of Days</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>CD#</u>
4/29/03	First Security	\$5,000,000	06/30/03	62	1.26%	44869

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.11.a\*\***

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**b. Interfund Transfer of Metro Seized Funds**

Comptroller Tom Arnold said Metro Narcotics seized funds have been cleared as forfeitures by J. R. McGarrh, Jr., Attorney. The Board needs to approve the transfer of these funds from the seized account to the forfeiture account.

At the recommendation of Comptroller Tom Arnold, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize and instruct the Chancery Clerk, pursuant to Section 41-29-185 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, to transfer the following forfeited funds that were seized by Metro Narcotics:

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Defendant</u>	<u>Date Seized</u>	<u>County Receipt #</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Date of Declaration of Forfeiture</u>
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DC-0175-1-01	Michael Staub	9/13/01	12694	221.00	4/4/03
DC-03-0051	Ralph S. Ritts II	3/15/03	14495	178.00	4/10/03
DC-02-0061	David Leech	2/17/03	13301	127.00	4/4/03
DC-02-0085	Larry Shipp	6/25/02	13731	270.00	4/21/03
DC-02-0201	Shelvvia Hayslett	9/27/02	13938	380.00	10/31/02
DC-0018-1-01	Christopher Fili	1/21/01	11856	104.00	4/21/03
<b>Total</b>				<b>1,280.00</b>	

Transfer from Metro Narcotics Seized	123-900-951	\$1,280
Transfer to Metro Narcotics Forfeitures	120-000-387	\$1,280

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.11.b\*\***

**c. Approval to Ratify Bond Payments**

Verified loan repayment documents for DeSoto County Account #71-61-5881-3T 5 \$10,000,000, Mississippi Development Bank Promissory Note dated October 9, 2000, were presented by copy to each Supervisor. Payment was made to Hancock Bank against the following accounts as follows:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
001-801-800	Principal	\$31,261.78
001-801-802	Interest	<u>\$13,905.77</u>
		\$45,167.55

Verified loan repayment documents for the \$18,000,000 MS Development Bank Special Obligation Bonds, Series 2000 (DeSoto County, MS General Obligation Public Improvement Bond Project; Issue #0350, were presented by copy to each Supervisor.

Payment for variable rate interest to be made for thirty days to Trustmark Bank against the following account:

<u>Account #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Payment Amount</u>
215-800-802	Interest	\$21,471.78

**ITEM H.11.c, CONTINUED,**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to ratify the bond payments as described above. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.11.c\*\***

**d. Repayment of Interfund Loan**

Comptroller Tom Arnold said the following repayment of interfund loans

from the General Fund is for the loan claims to the State Development Bank Fund for various loans approved by the Board of Supervisors since December 2002.

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the repayment of interfund loans based upon the recommendation of the Comptroller, for the following accounts.

From: State Development Bank Fund	383-000-149	\$1,065,587.99
To: General County Fund	001-000-054	\$1,065,587.99

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.11.d\*\***

**e. Claims Docket**

Comptroller Tom Arnold and Stephanie Hanks, Accounting Clerk, presented the claims docket showing claims to be paid for various departments as of May 5, 2003, in the amount of \$3,360,135.34.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the claims docket as presented by the Comptroller in the amount of \$3,360,135.34 and authorized the clerk to write the checks. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	NO
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

Supervisor Medlin said his decent was because some employees have not reimbursed the County for personal calls on their cell phone bills.

**ITEM H, CONTINUED,**

**12. Central Maintenance**

Pursuant to Section 65-17-7 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, Road Manager Russell Dorris presented the Road Report for March 26, 2003 to April 25, 2003, the Work Schedule for the month of May 2003.

**a. Road Report and Work Schedule**

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the County Road Report and Work Schedule as presented by Road Manager Russell Dorris. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT

Supervisor Tommy Lewis      YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.12.a\*\***

**b. Road Bond Report**

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said at the last meeting he called it to the Boards attention that a bond was called on Ingrams Mills Place and since that time the bond has been replaced with a letter of credit.

Road Manager Russell Dorris presented the Road Bond Report to the Board of Supervisors as follows:

Subdivision/Section	Developer	Bond Amt.	Type	Expires	1 <sup>ST</sup> Notice	2 <sup>ND</sup> Notice
Estates of Center Hill	Carol Johnson	52,000	Final	5/21/03	3/8/03	4/11/03
Forest Meadows "A"	Dan Brown	12,000	Final	6/21/03	4/8/03	
Fountain Gate	William Rowsey Jr.	91,406.75	Final	6/21/03	4/7/03	
Kaitlyn Ridge	SWR, LLC	10,000	Maint.	6/16/03		
Delta Bluffs Ph II "A"	Trip Folk	22,000	Final	7/2/03		
Ranch Meadows "D"	Dan Brown	20,000	Final	7/5/03		
Carter's Plantation "B"	Barry Carter	27,607.50	Final	7/19/03		
Oak Grove Manor	Levy Harris	40,000	Final	7/22/03		
Crown Estates	Bob Reiner	19,200	Final	7/23/03		

<u>Road Damage Bond</u>						
Starlanding Road	Charles Payton	13,000		5/14/03	3/17/03	Sent but unclaimed

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve the Road Bond Report as presented by Road Manager Russell Dorris. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.12.b\*\***

**13. Approval of Justice Court Report**

Justice Court Clerk Linda Aldridge presented the Justice Court Report to the Board of Supervisors for the month of April 2003. Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the **ITEM H.13, CONTINUED,**

motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Justice Court Report for the month of April 2003 attached as Exhibit H.13 . The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.13\*\***

**14. Approval to Open Bids**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to open bids for the following item:

**a. Re-Roofing Old Section of Hernando Library May 22, 2003, 10a.m.**

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.14.a\*\***

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to authorize the County Administrator or his designee to open bids for the following item:

**b. Uniforms for Building & Grounds, Sheriff’s Dept. & Dispatch Dept.**

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.14.b\*\***

**15. Approval of Contractor Agreement for Olive Branch Library**

At the recommendation of the County Administrator David Armstrong, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to make the fully executed contract for the Olive Branch Library a part of the minutes after the Board President signs page seven of the document. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

**ITEM H.15, CONTINUED,**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.15\*\***

**16. Making Secretary of State Approval of Interlocal Agreement between DeSoto County and Olive Branch for Stateline Road Overlay a Part of the Minutes**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to make the Secretary of State’s approval of the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Olive Branch and the County, for Stateline Road Overlay part of the minutes. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.16\*\***

**17. Approval to Make the Continental Lease Agreement a Part of the Minutes**

At the recommendation of the County Administrator David Armstrong, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to make the lease agreement for Central Maintenance equipment as follows a part of the minutes:

Master Lease No.	Schedule No.	Description	Serial No.	Cost
7102	09	Mack CV713 Dump Truck	1M2AG11C93M007780	\$84,366.49
7102	10	Mack CV713 Dump Truck	1M2AG11C23M007779	\$84,366.49
7102	13	1 John Deer 6420 Tractor w/10' Cutter & 10' Mower	L064020H369526/C313-0021203	\$53,600
7102	14	1 John Deer 6420 Tractor w/15' Cutter & 15' Mower	L06420H369228 / HY15-02384	\$68,900
7102	15	1 John Deer 6420 Tractor w/26' Cutter & 15' Mower	L06420H369025 / HY15-02381	\$68,900

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.17\*\***

**18. Approval to Submit Application for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program - EMA**

County Administrator David Armstrong said if the Board elects to purchase the Pickett Building for EMA, this grant could be obtained to pay the estimated cost for the encasement of a portion of the EMA building. The estimated cost of the building

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improvement would be \$24,000 with the Federal share of the grant being \$18,000 and the local share being \$6,000.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve submitting an application for the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program for EMA. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.18\*\***

**19. Homeland Security Grants**

At the recommendation of the County Administrator David Armstrong, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve applying for the Homeland Security Grants, to appoint Brigitte Herring



as the Grant Coordinator and to approve a budget amendment as requested for the equipment purchase.

- a. Approval to Apply for Grant
- b. Appoint a Grant Coordinator
- c. Approval to do Budget Amendment for Equipment Purchase

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.19\*\***

**20. Approval of Metro Narcotics Forfeitures**

At the recommendation of the County Administrator David Armstrong, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion, according to Mississippi Code 1972, Section 41-29-176, when any property other than a controlled substance, raw material or paraphernalia, the value of which does not exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), is seized under the Uniform Controlled Substances Law, the property may be forfeited by the administrative forfeiture procedures, to add the following items seized by Metro Narcotics to the County inventory and make a part of the minutes:

<u>Notice Date</u>	<u>Property Owner</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>VIN# or Serial #</u>	<u>Date Declared</u>
7/7/01	James B Lemay	1978 Chevrolet Caprice	1N69U8S146170	4/30/03
3/19/03	Sharkirrih Nelson	1994 Pontiac Firebird, Red	2G2FS22S7R2226745	4/22/03
3/19/03	Sharkirrih Nelson	Stevr 9mm, Model M9	006929	4/22/03
1/29/02	Larry J. Parker	Nokia Cell Phone	64A94DDC	8/15/02
1/29/02	Larry J. Parker	Motorola Cell Phone	10405614867	8/15/02
1/29/02	Larry J. Parker	Motorola Pager	1971905	8/15/02
1/29/02	Larry J. Parker	Pager	1261220900	8/15/02
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1/29/02	Larry J. Parker	Pager - gray	None	8/15/02
9/27/02	Shelvia Hayslett	Motorola Cell Phone	078/07796663	10/31/02
9/27/02	Shelvia Hayslett	Motorola Cell Phone	218/05670293	10/31/02
9/27/02	Shelvia Hayslett	Motorola Pager	36BDBY23DR	10/31/02
9/27/02	Shelvia Hayslett	U.S. Dollars \$380		10/31/02
4/8/02	Michael J. Masters	Nokia Cell Phone	86133126A	5/17/02
4/12/02	Tiffany M. Bowdre	Nokia Cell Phone	DA50C30E	5/17/02
4/12/02	Tiffany M. Bowdre	U.S.Dollars \$953		5/17/02
10/24/02	Terry W. Mitchell	Sprint Cell Phone	08111767460	12/11/02
10/24/02	Terry W. Mitchell	Sprint Cell Phone	209KS1376254	12/11/02
10/24/02	Terry W. Mitchell	Nokia Cell Phone	078/03456353	12/11/02
10/24/02	Terry W. Mitchell	Nokia Cell Phone	078/162077511	12/11/02
10/24/02	Terry W. Mitchell	Nokia Cell Phone	0504491	12/11/02
10/24/02	Terry W. Mitchell	2-White gold Rings		12/11/02
		1-Gucci Watch		
		1-White gold bracelet		
10/24/02	Terry W. Mitchell	1- Taurus .44 caliber special	QF541692	12/11/02
1024.02	Terry W. Mitchell	U. S. Dollars \$785		12/11/02
10/31/02	Cynthia L. Gorman	Nokia Cell Phone	110/14393242	12/11/02
10/31/02	Cynthia L. Gorman	Nokia Cell Phone	078/00808538	12/11/02
10/31/02	Cynthia L. Gorman	Nokia Cell Phone	100/11097730	12/11/02
10/25/02	Mark D. Walton	Nokia Cell Phone	078/00713335	12/11/02
10/25/02	Mark D. Walton	U.S. Dollars \$325		12/11/02
10/31/02	Samuel M. Kendall	Motorola Cell Phone	SUG1767BAH54903EC	12/11/02
10/31/02	Samuel M. Kendall	U. S. Dollars \$441		12/11/02
4/12/02	Jeffery D. Prater	U. S. Dollars \$590		5/17/02

4/12/02 Jeffery D. Prater	Spring Qualcomm Cell Phone	QCP276061-5099A-01	5/17/02
4/12/02 Jeffery D. Prater	Motorola Cell Phone	SUG2114BAH5	5/17/02
4/12/02 Jeffery D. Prater	Cobra AC/DC adapter	104019818	5/17/02
11/9/02 Donna K. Jackson	U.S. Dollars \$1,364		12/16/02
11/9/02 Donna K. Jackson	1-Red tool box w/asst tools		12/16/02
	1-Black tool box w/asst.tools		
	1-small red tool box		
	w/asst.tools		
11/09/02 Donna K. Jackson	Motorola Cell Phone	SUG2686AC	12/16/02
11/15/02 Fredrick Isom	Nokia Cell Phone	0502921LG05TD	12/16/02
4/30/02 Gregory D. Conrad	Motorola Radio Model P1225	475FXU3572	5/30/02
4/30/02 Gregory D. Conrad	Makita Drill	272952G	5/30/02
4/30/02 Gregory D. Conrad	1-crowbar		5/30/02
	1-flashlight		
	monitor & 2 cameras		
	red tool box w/asst. tools		
	black tool box w. asst. tools		
6/13/02 Druper A. Cotton	Nokia Cell Phone	010090306639344	8/15/02

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.20\*\***

**ITEM H, CONTINUED,**

**21. Inventory Dispositions – Data Processing**

At the recommendation of Inventory Clerk Vanessa Lynchard, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the inventory disposition receipts for Data Processing from the Inventory Clerk pursuant to Section 31-7-107 of the Mississippi Code and did approve the final

disposition on the report as follows:

<u>Asset#</u>	<u>Serial #</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Reason for Disposal</u>	<u>Location</u>
30756	12209266938	Nokia Cell Phone	Broken	Data Processing-Suite 350
6108	76697	Terminal	Broken	“
30463	118A791	Printer	Broken	“
6005	66679	Terminal	Broken	“
8330	2348085	Terminal	Broken	“
8153	11ZA212	Printer	Broken	“
6082	1161920	Printer	Broken	“

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.21\*\***

**22. Approval to Put Board Minutes on the Network**

Supervisor Eugene Thach said one of his opponents for Supervisor, Jackie Franklin, had suggested and he agreed to put Board minutes on the County Network so they can be viewed over the Internet after the Board of Supervisors approves them.

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve putting Board minutes on the County Network after they are approved by the Board of Supervisors, however the motion did not include executive session minutes, which can be approved in person at the County, after the appropriate period has expired. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.22\***

**23. Appointment to CVB Board**

Because Supervisor Gerald Clifton was not at this portion of the meeting, Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to hold over the District 3 appointment to the CVB. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**ITEM H.23, CONTINUED,**

Later in the meeting, after Supervisor Gerald Clifton joined the meeting, Supervisor Gerald Clifton made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to re-appoint Richard “Dick” Hackett, 1745 Vaught Circle, Southaven, MS 38671, phone 662-342-0259, to represent District 3, to the DeSoto County Convention and Visitors Bureau Board for a term set to expire on May 15, 2006. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit H.23\*\***

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The executive session portions of these minutes are recorded under the portion of the minutes called "Executive Session".

**J. OTHER ISSUES**

**1. Camp Creek Demonstration Erosion Control Project BS-03-05 Between DeSoto County and the Corp of Engineers**

Road Manager Russell Dorris said the right of entry agreement has been fully

executed and returned to the County for inclusion in to the Board minutes.  
Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor EugeneThach seconded the motion to make the documents for the project a part of the minutes. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit J.1\*\***

**2. Central Maintenance Surplus Material Collected from Cleaning of Property**

Road Manager Russell Dorris said the Board Attorney Bobby Chamberlin has determined the County will have to take bids for the property collected from the Countywide cleanup done last year. Mr. Dorris said the County must issue a public notice and auction the property. Mr. Dorris further explained that the County could not request sealed bids for the property. At the recommendation of the Board Attorney, Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion to approve posting for an auction for junk at Central Maintenance in accordance with State Law and also to publish for the auction in a local newspaper. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**ITEM J, CONTINUED,**

**3. Appointment Horn Lake Creek Interceptor Sewer**

Supervisor Tommy Lewis made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion, in accordance with Section 19-5-307 of the Mississippi Code Annotated, to re-appoint W. E. “Roe” Ross, Jr., 5010 Hwy. 51 North, Horn Lake, MS 38637, phone number 662-393-7534, to represent District 5, to the Horn Lake Creek Interceptor Sewer Board for a commission set to expire on May 7, 2007. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\* See Exhibit J.3\*\***

**4. Justice Court Judges Letter of Appreciation**

The Justice Court Judges wrote a letter of appreciation to the Board for Larry Woods and all his help with the Video Conferencing System installed at the Justice Court. Judge Ken Adams authored the letter to the Board. The Board of Supervisors commended Larry Woods for his knowledge and hard work for DeSoto County. **\*\*See Exhibit J.4\*\***

**5. I-69**

Supervisor Eugene Thach told the Board there was an I-69 hearing hosted by MDOT in

Clarksdale on Thursday night at seven o'clock. Supervisor Thach said that this was one of the best presentations he has seen from MDOT regarding I-69. Supervisor Thach said the meeting was extremely effective and well received. Supervisor Thach presented a map that was given out at the meeting showing I-69 alternates thru the Delta.

6. Homestead Exemptions

Supervisor Eugene Thach asked when the \$7,500 exemption would be available to County residence. Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said this years taxes would be paid in January 2004 and would have the \$7,500 exemption on them.

At the recommendation of the Chancery Clerk, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Homestead Exemptions as presented by the Chancery Clerk as follows:

Parcel No.	Parcel No.
1079 3008.0 00038.00	1065 2209.0 00245.00
2075 2204.0 00044.00	1079 3204.0 00017.00
1074 1912.0 00040.00	3081 1206.0 00055.00
3074 1851.3 00033.00	1079 3008.0 00047.00
1088 2809.0 00125.00	2071 0203.0 00008.00
2066 2301.0 00065.00	2062 0902.0 00058.00
2074 1801.0 00009.00	1079 2918.0 00059.00
1065 2217.0 00414.00	2073 0500.0 00021.00
1079 2908.0 00055.00	1068 3482.4 00150.00
1068 3456.3 00025.00	1097 2501.0 0420.00
1068 2802.0 00021.00	1084 1900.0 0004.05
1068 3400.2 00095.00	2063 0500.0 00013.00
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1086 2410.0 00204.00	2054 1800.0 00006.00
1088 3305.0 01958.00	3063 0800.0 00020.02
1088 2705.0 02683.00	1067 2613.0 00053.00
1065 2110.0 000083.00	

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit J.6\*\***

7. Chancery Clerk Copy Machine

At the recommendation of the Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis, Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Eugene Thach seconded the motion to approve the Board President to sign the agreement for the County to pay the fees in connection with the Chancery Clerk's Savin 2935 copier from Rayco, Inc. as follows:

This agreement is for all copies at \$.013 per copy  
Overage is at \$.013 per copy.  
Beginning Meter reading 10.

The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES

Supervisor Gerald Clifton	ABSENT
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

**\*\*See Exhibit J.7\*\***

**8. Adopt–A-Road Program**

Supervisor Jessie Medlin asked for an update on the Adopt-A-Road Program. Road Manager Russell Dorris said the County should have the first section of road adopted by the next meeting. A portion of road will be adopted by Starbucks Coffee and by the M.R. Dye Library. Mr. Dorris said he would bring the papers to the Board of Supervisors at the next meeting.

**9. Candidate for State Treasurer**

DeSoto County resident Jo Buck introduced Tate Reeves, who is running for State Treasurer, to the Board of Supervisors. Mr. Reeves said that he is a graduate of Millsaps College in Investment Management and he believes it is important to have a qualified person from the business industry in State Government, to better manage the assets of State Government.

**10. Open House Stylecraft Lamps**

County Administrator David Armstrong notified the Board that they have been invited to an Open House at Stylecraft Lamps at eleven-thirty on May 6, 2003.

**ITEM J, CONTINUED,**

**11. A-Fair**

Chancery Clerk Sluggo Davis said that Gerald Jenkins had come to the Board meeting earlier to request approval for use of the Courthouse lawn and facilities for the A-Fair in Hernando to be held May 16 & 17, 2003.

Supervisor Jessie Medlin made the motion and Supervisor Tommy Lewis seconded the motion to approve the use of the Courthouse lawn and facilities for the A-Fair in Hernando on May 16 & 17, 2003. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

Supervisor Eugene Thach made the motion and Supervisor Jessie Medlin seconded the motion, to recess the meeting until May 7, 2003 at 9:00 am. The motion passed by a vote as follows:

Supervisor Jessie Medlin	YES
Supervisor Eugene Thach	YES
Supervisor Gerald Clifton	YES
Supervisor John Caldwell	ABSENT
Supervisor Tommy Lewis	YES

THIS the 5<sup>TH</sup> day of May 2003, these minutes have been read and approved by the DeSoto County Board of Supervisors.

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Gerald L. Clifton, President

